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Transmittal # 94 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE
FOR THE CHAMPVA PM (POLICY MANUAL)**

Explanation of the changes and related index updates to the CHAMPVA PM are in the following summary.

Chapter 2, Section 3.2, COLORECTAL CANCER.

- Under Effective dates adds October 6, 1997, for health promotion and disease prevention services covered in connection with immunizations, Pap smears, mammograms or examinations for colon and prostate cancer, August 20, 2003, for immunochemical-based testing, and March 15, 2006, for individuals at average risk.
- Under Policy for fecal occult blood testing; adds either guaiac-based testing or immunochemical-based testing is covered annually for individuals age 50 and over, and at colonoscopy; once every 10-years beginning at age 50 for individuals at average risk.

Chapter 2, Section 14.1, MATERNITY CARE.

- Amends Procedure Codes.

Chapter 2, Section 16.3, HIV TESTING.

- Amends Procedure Codes.

Chapter 2, Section 18.3, PSYCHOTHERAPY.

- Amends Authority.
- Under Policy Considerations removes reference to cross-walk of 1998 CPT psychotherapy codes, and adds a preauthorization exemption for those Medicare/CHAMPVA beneficiaries whose claims have already been preauthorized by Medicare.

Chapter 2, Section 23.2, ROUTINE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

- Under Effective dates removes reference to CPT 90000 and 99000 codes as this information is no longer considered relevant.

- Under Policy adds internet links to the referenced policies.

Chapter 2, Section 23.3, IMMUNIZATION INJECTIONS.

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy adds meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine as a covered immunization.

Chapter 2, Section 23.3A-1, CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS SCHEDULE, ADDENDUM 1.

- Adds to the childhood immunization schedule meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (any groups) and meningococcal (serogroups A,C,Y and W-135) conjugate vaccine (MCV-4) at the pre-adolescent visit (11- to 12-years of age).

Chapter 2, Section 23.3A-2, ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS SCHEDULE, ADDENDUM 2.

- Adds to the adult immunization schedule meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine for adults 18- to 24-years of age.

Chapter 2, Section 29.15, SURGERY FOR MORBID OBESITY.

- Amends Authority
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy at gastric restrictive procedure, with gastric bypass; with short limb is revised to read (less than 150 cm).

Code Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in this transmittal.

Subject Index. Amends index to add and delete changes referenced in this transmittal.

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